

Response filed on August 30, 2001

other additive for said acetylsalicylic acid and wherein the ointment does not contain water for dissolving said acetylsalicylic acid.

Claim 15. An anhydrous ointment consisting essentially of acetylsalicylic acid and a base selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon gel, vaseline and a mixture thereof without any other additive for said acetylsalicylic acid and wherein the ointment does not contain water for dissolving said acetylsalicylic acid.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment filed on July 5, 2001 be entered into the prosecution history of the present application prior to the present amendments.

Claims 1, 14 and 15 have been amended to recite that the ointment does not contain water. Support for this phrase is found on page 4, lines 4-6 of the specification (i.e., "... to add water...to dissolve Aspirin ... should be avoided"). In

addition, support for the phrase "without any other additive" is found on page 4, line 7 of the specification (i.e. "it is not preferable to add any additive"). Therefore, no new matter is introduced by Applicants' amendments to the claims.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner (Reg. No.32,181) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 1. A substantially anhydrous ointment consisting essentially of acetylsalicylic acid and a base selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon gel, vaseline and a mixture thereof without any other additive for said acetylsalicylic acid and wherein the ointment does not contain water for dissolving said acetylsalicylic acid.

Claim 14. A substantially anhydrous ointment consisting of acetylsalicylic acid and a base selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon gel, vaseline and a mixture thereof without any other additive for said acetylsalicylic acid and wherein the ointment does not contain water for dissolving said acetylsalicylic acid.

Claim 15. An anhydrous ointment consisting essentially of acetylsalicylic acid and a base selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon gel, vaseline and a mixture thereof without any

other additive for said acetylsalicylic acid and wherein the ointment does not contain water for dissolving said acetylsalicylic acid.